

Rare Plants of Louisiana



Canna flaccida - golden canna Canna Family (Cannaceae)

Rarity Rank: S4? / G4?

	1	2	3	4	5
State					
Global					
	imperiled		rare		secure

Range: AL, FL, GA, LA, MS, SC, TX (exotic in VA)

Recognition:

- Large perennial to 1.2 m tall, with green herbaceous stems and large flat leaves
- Leaves alternate, to ca 60 cm long and with obvious parallel veins; leaves **not** variegated which is the case in many cultivated exotic cannas
- Flowers **solid yellow**, with **no** red or orange, irregular-shaped and in terminal racemes



Flowering Time: May to August

Light Requirement: Full sun

Wetland Indicator Status: OBL – almost always in wetlands

Habitat:

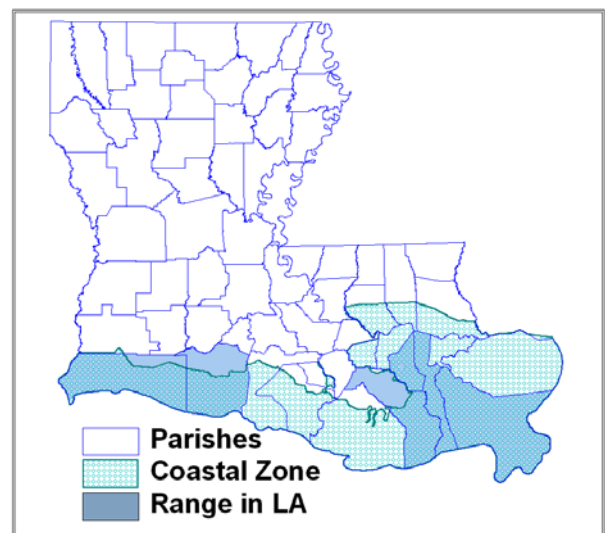
Fresh marsh and open swamps. Since this plant is cultivated and used as an ornamental, some occurrences could be escapes. Records from northern Louisiana are probably escapes and these need to be investigated. Our map shows the distribution of what we currently regard as naturally occurring populations. The current status of this species in Louisiana is not well known and more field work is warranted.

Threats:

- Salt water intrusion and conversion of marsh to open water
- Lack of knowledge regarding status in LA

Beneficial Management Practices:

- Protection of freshwater marsh and swamps
- Additional field survey work



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LA River Basins: Pearl, Pontchartrain, Barataria, Terrebonne, Vermilion-Teche, Mermentau, Calcasieu, Sabine



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